

Application No. 10/602,871

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~An~~ A pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle comprising:
 - a vehicle body panel;
 - a flexible layer attached to said vehicle body panel, said flexible layer being transparent; and
 - an inflator having a conduit to conduct an inflation gas between said vehicle body panel and said flexible layer, the flexible layer has an inflated condition and a deflated condition, said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel forming a cushion in said inflated condition, the flexible layer forms a first wall of said cushion and said vehicle body panel forms a second wall of said cushion.
2. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said conduit comprises a port through said vehicle body panel.
3. (canceled) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said flexible layer is transparent.
4. (canceled)
5. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 including an adhesive between said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel.

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6. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 including a vacuum between said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel.

7. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said inflator stores a pressurized inflation gas.

8. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 including a seal between said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel.

9. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 8 wherein said seal extends around a periphery of said vehicle body panel.

10. (original) The pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle of Claim 1 wherein said vehicle body panel comprises a vehicle hood.

11. (currently amended) An airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle comprising:

- a first wall comprising a flexible layer, said flexible layer being transparent;
- a second wall comprising a vehicle body panel; and
- an inflatable cavity formed between said first wall and said second wall.

12. (original) The airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle of Claim 11 including a port through said vehicle body panel in communication with said inflatable cavity.

13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

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15. (original) The airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle of Claim 11 wherein said flexible layer is attached to said vehicle body panel by an adhesive.

16. (original) The airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle of Claim 11 wherein said flexible layer is attached to said vehicle body panel by a vacuum.

17. (original) The airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle of Claim 11 including a seal between said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel.

18. (canceled)

19. (new) A pedestrian protecting device for a vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body panel;

a flexible layer attached to said vehicle body panel, the flexible layer being attached to the body panel by a vacuum; and

an inflator having a conduit to conduct an inflation gas between said vehicle body panel and said flexible layer, the flexible layer has an inflated condition and a deflated condition, said flexible layer and said vehicle body panel forming a cushion in said inflated condition, the flexible layer forms a first wall of said cushion and said vehicle body panel forms a second wall of said cushion.

20. (new) An airbag for protecting a pedestrian impacting a vehicle comprising:

a first wall comprising a flexible layer;

a second wall comprising a vehicle body panel, the first wall be attached to the second wall by a vacuum; and

an inflatable cavity formed between said first wall and said second wall.